

The Best Missouri News

Cheap Land in Missouri.

While land in the northern and northwestern parts of Missouri is selling for \$100 an acre, land in the middle and southern parts is going a-begging for buyers. There are about 25,000 acres in what is known as the "Boonville district" which are subject to homestead entry at the rate of \$14.50 per acre. It is situated as follows: In Benton county, 2,300 acres; Camden county, 20,000 acres; Crawford county, 400 acres; Dallas county, 13,000 acres; Hickory county, 4,000 acres; Laclede county, 10,000 acres; Maries county, 20,000 acres; Miller county, 4,000 acres; Morgan county, 300 acres; Phelps county, 2,000 acres; Pulaski county, 16,000 acres; St. Clair county, 2,300 acres. Much of it is timbered and well watered, and there is a great deal that would make good grass land and is adapted to fruit culture.

Unusual Result of Charity.

About a year ago William Erickson, 29 years old, was admitted to the Holt county poorhouse. He was suffering from a disease of the eyes and was utterly unable to work. He was determined to improve his condition, however, and proposed to the county court that if it would advance him enough money to get his eyes treated he would in time return every cent of it, with good interest. The judges rather liked his appearance, and took the offer. He has proved as good as his word. He has got back his eyesight and a few days ago went before the court and laid down \$100—the principal and interest of what was advanced to him.—Kansas City Journal.

Long Journey to Wed.

Miss Cecil Whitehead, of Carrollton, has left for the Philippine islands, where she will be married to J. L. Farwell, an employee of the government. The marriage will be the result of an attachment formed during the Spanish-American war, when Farwell was a member of the Fourth Missouri regiment.

To Prevent Fraud.

Those who take the examination for physicians' certificates before the state board of medical examiners will have to be identified by a photograph previously sent on the application blank. This is to prevent fraud, as some applicants have been known to send substitutes to take the examination.

One Ceremony for Five Couples.

Five couples, forming a circle around the minister, were united in marriage by the same ceremony at the home of Rev. N. B. Naylor, at Armstrong. Some time ago the ten young persons formed a matrimonial club and decided that they should all be married at the same time.

Gov. Dockery Could Not Attend.

Gov. Dockery could not attend the unveiling of the monument to ex-Govs. Robert Stewart and Silas Woodson at the cemetery in St. Joseph, because of Mrs. Dockery's illness, and the ceremony has been postponed until such time as the governor can attend.

Unique Silver Wedding.

A remarkable society event at Tipton was the celebration Christmas of their wedding anniversary by Walter Monroe and wife. With the exception of the minister who tied the knot the whole wedding party which took part in the ceremony 25 years ago was present.

Mother Killed, Child Escaped.

As Mrs. John M. Baker and little son were crossing the Missouri Pacific railway bridge near Nelson she was struck by a train and instantly killed, the body being hurled 20 feet into the creek. The child stepped aside and was not injured.

Kansas City Public Schools.

There are 29,194 children attending Kansas City's public schools, of whom 13,814 are boys and 15,380 girls. There are 1,269 negro boys and 1,624 negro girls in the negro schools. There are 52 public school buildings and 675 teachers.

Every Student Remembered.

The Fortnightly club, composed of wives of members of the University of Missouri at Columbia, prepared a Christmas tree to students who were unable to return home for the holidays. Every student was remembered.

Vest's Gift to Missouri University.

Senator Vest has sent to the University of Missouri library as a Christmas gift copies of every valuable document issued by the United States in the 24 years he has been senator.

Boy of Ten Drunk.

Lafayette Washington, a negro boy ten years old, was arrested at Kansas City for drunkenness. He told the officers he had no difficulty getting liquor from a saloon.

Sensational Trial Ended.

Sanford Roderick, a well-known young man at St. Joseph, was given a sentence of five years in the penitentiary on a charge of assaulting Leona Wilkins, a pretty girl of 18 years. The case has been very sensational.

Because He Wasn't Invited.

At Roanoke, James Patton went into the town hall where a dance was being held, and started a panic by firing off a revolver. The dance stopped. Patton said he wanted revenge for not being invited.

Church and Christmas Tree Burned.

The First Presbyterian church at Macon was destroyed by fire, the building and contents being entirely consumed, together with the Christmas tree and many presents. The fire was caused by a defective furnace.

Carriage Will Work for It.

Carriage business men are trying to raise \$20,000 to secure the Oklahoma Central & St. Louis railroad, a proposed branch of the Rock Island which is to enter that city.

ONLY A MARE'S-NEST.

Tariff Reform Organ Makes a Discovery That Is Strange and Truly Startling.

Not long since the treasury department, in the case of certain imports of steel, ruled that duty must be paid upon them not at the price at which they were invoiced, but at that charged to domestic consumers in the country from which they were shipped. Obviously, such a ruling had to be made, otherwise it would be impossible to prevent undervaluation. The justice of the method was recognized by the representatives of the allied powers when they decided that the customs tax to be collected by the Chinese should be based upon the value of the articles at the place of import, and not upon prices which might be made for the purpose of capturing trade or which were fixed low in order to defraud the government, says the San Francisco Chronicle.

But now comes the Boston Herald with a charge that the ruling demonstrates that the American protective tariff is in effect an export bounty system. It says: "If the construction of our treasury department is to be depended upon and is to be applied to our own practices, then the congress of the United States is paying export bounty to certain American industries, a practice which may be open to constitutional objection." It adds: "Whether or not it is possible, if the United States courts should decide that the treasury department was correct in its construction concerning this Russian proceeding, to bring our own beneficiaries by government bounty before the courts, as obtaining unconstitutional privileges through congressional action, is a question which at least will bear careful consideration."

If the question is carefully considered, certain facts will be ascertained which the Herald seems to have completely overlooked in its anxiety to make a point against American manufacturers. Foremost among these is that its assumption that the practice of forcing out goods at lower prices is one peculiar to protective countries is erroneous. It is as much in vogue in free trade Great Britain as in the United States. There are few manufacturers in that country who will not make sacrifices to establish trade with foreigners, and in doing so they follow a practice which is merely an extension of the rule adopted in the conduct of domestic business of getting rid of surplus with as little disturbance to the local market as possible.

If it is right and expedient for a merchant who sells muslin at ten cents a yard on Saturday to one set of customers, to turn around and sell muslin of the same quality for seven cents a yard on Monday, then it is not immoral or improper for manufacturers to resort to the same course. The circumstances are precisely analogous. In each case the aim is precisely the same. The merchant, after selling all he can at ten cents a yard, tries to get rid of the remainder of his stock at seven cents a yard. The American manufacturer endeavors to get all he can for his product in this country, and he takes what he can get from the foreigner. If he could obtain the same prices for his surplus from the latter as from the domestic consumer, he would cheerfully do so. It is absurd to think that he would not, and it is equally absurd to imagine that the American consumer would be benefited by imposing a restriction on American manufacturers which would prevent their following the example of enterprising department stores of unloading excess stocks as quickly as possible.

The economic strabismus of the Herald prevents its seeing that one of the reasons why the American consumer is able to pay so much more for goods than most foreigners is because the manufacturers of the United States are not subjected to repressive measures. They are practically encouraged to let production expand. As a consequence the resources of the country are energetically developed and there is a larger share for all those who assist in their production. That is the true reason that when it obtains at the expense of the domestic producer it is dearly paid for by all classes. Production is the mainspring of prosperity, and anything that strikes a blow at it must prove detrimental to a country. This is a truth which sophistry cannot disguise even in Great Britain, where cheapness is extolled, but where it is nevertheless clearly recognized that the cheapness which proves destructive to domestic industry is undesirable. It is only the American free trader who still suffers from the hallucination that it is wise for the consumer to seek to profit at the expense of the producer.

The next democratic candidate for president must come from a republican state, unless he hails from Nevada, Rhode Island, Missouri or the south.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The prompt steps taken by republican members of the house judiciary committee to perfect a bill requiring that all trusts report their financial affairs, and taxing watered stock, indicate a determination to legislate along the lines set forth by leading republicans.—Indianapolis Journal.

Time, says Bryan, will prove that the policies of the republicans are bad for the people. Time, however, seems to be a mighty slow old chap, even if he does keep moving all the while.—Cleveland Ledger.

LIVING NOW COSTS LESS.

Prosperity and Plenty Is Robbing the Democracy of Their Party War Cry.

Much has been said recently of the high cost of living, and it is true that as far as prices for the necessary commodities are concerned 1903 has been a record-breaking year. But there have been causes for this in natural conditions entirely apart from the manipulation of syndicates, to which the unthinking have been disposed to attribute the advance in prices, says the Troy Times.

Last year's short corn crop was one of the principal causes producing the advance in the prices of commodities. This advance was felt not only in cereals, but also in the prices of cattle and meats. In July, 1901, the index prices of commodities in proportion to consumption stood at 91.509. When the damage to the corn crop became fully known the index number rose to 95.330. In May of this year the advance in the prices of cattle and meats as well as cereals set the index up to 102.239.

But the enormous cereal crops of this year have sent this representative figure from 102.239 in May to 99.579 November 1. The falling temperature and its effect on eggs, milk and other articles caused the slight advance to 100.449 on December 1, but this figure was lower than at the corresponding date in 1901, when the prices of coal owing to the strike are taken into consideration, is a favorable showing.

With the large corn crop and the reduction in the price of meats, which has already been announced from Kansas City, and with the better supply of coal which may reasonably be expected, now that mining is resumed in full, there is reason to believe that the cost of living will steadily decline, and that, when the great prosperity and activity of the country are taken into consideration, prices will not be a cause for pessimistic criticism. The New York Commercial says:

"Altogether, it would seem that the index number will not again rise to the figures of last spring. While it cannot be hoped that the cost of living will be reduced to the figures for 1899 and 1900—indeed, such a decline would not be natural in view of the general prosperity and business activity existing throughout the country—it can be reasonably expected that the cost of living will at least be reduced to the level of 1898 and 1899. When the general conditions existing during the two periods are remembered, such a decline would make a decidedly favorable comparison for the present period of prosperity."

This result may rob the democratic party of a war cry, but it will be pleasing to purchasers of commodities, and will help to prove that the reasons assigned by those who, from political or other motives, attack the present conditions in this country have been, voluntarily or ignorantly, deceptive.

THE "ANTI" SUPERFLUOUS.

Timely and Wise Warning That Should Be Borne in Mind by Legislators.

No bill that can be properly described as "anti-trust" deserves the consideration of the congress. "Anti" in this connection has the meaning of "hostile to," and there is no reason nor even excuse for the enactment of legislation hostile to all industrial combinations that are loosely classed under the heading "trusts." In his message, President Roosevelt sounded a warning against hostility to these combinations as such. He should be hostile only to the evil that is in some of them, says the Albany Journal.

This warning should be borne in mind, for it is timely and wise. It should be heeded as well in the giving of a name to legislation as in the framing of a proposed law. Legislation relating to trusts should be for their regulation only, not for the accomplishment of the purpose indicated by the use of the prefix in question. And it should be described as "trust legislation," "anti-trust," applied to any measure that might be justly enacted, as such a misnomer as "anti-railway," or "anti-insurance," or "anti-bank" would be, applied respectively to laws relating to the management and operation of the railroad, insurance companies and banks, and to the supervision of the two latter by state governments and by the national government, respectively.

Away with "anti-trust."

COMMENT AND OPINION.

The Monroe doctrine and "manifest destiny" seem to fit into and complement each other, all in the interest of American expansion and in disregard of the anti-imperialists.—Troy Times.

Of course, Mr. Bryan has the right to enjoy prosperity honestly won, and nobody objects to his possession of a private fortune. But it does seem a little out of order for a man so situated to go up and down the earth bewailing as calamitous a condition of things under which he thrives so well.—Troy Times.

Secretary of the Treasury Shaw declares that he will do nothing to help speculators out of financial difficulties. Nobody can object to that decision. If money enough is provided for the transaction of the legitimate business of the country nothing more can be asked.—Cleveland Leader.

The action of the house in appropriating \$200,000 to be used in the prosecution of trusts under the provisions of the Sherman anti-trust law settles the question as to what position the republican party will take on the trust question in 1904. Without committing itself to details it will be against all corporations and combinations engaged in the unlawful restraint of trade.—Indianapolis Journal.

Mexico is getting ready to put her currency on a gold basis. It will take time to do so, for all her financial transactions are now in silver, and with the present wide discrepancy in the prices of the two metals a sudden change would be disastrous. But it is bound to come if Mexico is to hold her place or make any advancement as a modern progressive, commercial nation. Pretty soon China will be the only country to which Mr. Bryan and his free silver followers can point with pride as a shining example of the beauties of cheap money.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Calendar for 1903

JANUARY							JULY						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31					29	30	31				

FEBRUARY							AUGUST						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30						29	30					

MARCH							SEPTEMBER						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31					29	30					

APRIL							OCTOBER						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30						29	30					

MAY							NOVEMBER						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31					29	30					

JUNE							DECEMBER						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30						29	30					

Auto Wheels.

"Doctor, what do you think causes the noise in the head my wife complains of?" "Oh, that's nothing, but an automobile going round is there."—N. Y. Herald.

Frisco System—New Observation.

In addition to through chair car and Pullman Sleeper service the Frisco System operates on its trains out of St. Louis and Kansas City very handsome Observation Cafe Cars, under management of Fred Harvey. These cars are equipped with every convenience, including large library observation room and platform; the former supplied with easy chairs, writing material, latest newspapers and periodicals. Electric lights and electric fans add to the comfort of the passengers. These trains leave St. Louis and Kansas City daily via the Frisco System.

"Some folks," said Uncle Eben, "is a good deal like mules. They use up enough energy to do a day's work 'stan' in 'roun 'a tickin'."—Washington Star.

Stops the Cough.

and works off the cold. Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. Price 25 cents.

It is a good thing that talk is cheap. It is desirable that the necessities of life should always be within easy reach of the masses.—Puck.

Do not believe Piso's Cure for Consumption has an equal for coughs and colds.—J. F. Boyer, Trinity Springs, Ind., Feb. 15, 1900.

Dishonesty is a forsaking of permanent for temporary advantages.—Boyce.

Iowa Farms \$4 Per Acre Cash, bal. crop till paid. Mulhall, Sioux City, Ia.

No man was ever discontented with the world if he did his duty in it.—Southey.

If you are coughing, take Dr. August Koeber's Hamburg Breathe Tea.

THE OLD FOLKS AT HOME

Are Never Without Peruna in the House for Catarrhal Diseases.



MR. AND MRS. J. O. ATKINSON, INDEPENDENCE, MO.

Under date of January 10, 1897, Dr. Hartman received the following letter:

"My wife had been suffering from a complication of diseases for the past 25 years.

"Her case had baffled the skill of some of the most noted physicians. One of her worst troubles was chronic constipation of several years' standing.

"She also was passing through that most critical period in the life of a woman—change of life. In June, 1895, I wrote to you about her case. You advised a course of Peruna and Mannin, which we at once commenced, and have to say it completely cured her. She firmly believes that she would have been dead only for these wonderful remedies.

"About the same time I wrote you about my own case of catarrh, which had been of 25 years' standing. At times I was almost past going. I commenced to use Peruna according to your instructions, and continued its use for about a year, and it has completely cured me.

"Your remedies do all that you claim for them, and even more. Catarrh cannot exist where Peruna is taken according to directions. Success to you and your remedies."

John O. Atkinson.

Box 272, Independence, Mo.

When old age comes on, catarrhal diseases come also. Systemic catarrh is almost universal in old people. This explains why Peruna has become so indispensable to old people. Peruna is their safe-guard. Peruna is the only remedy yet devised that meets these cases exactly.

Such cases cannot be treated locally; nothing but an effective systemic remedy could cure them. This is exactly what Peruna is.

If you do not receive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peruna, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis.

Address Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, O.

Wherein He Was Different.

McJigger—Oh, he's a regular hog. He wants the best of everything for himself.

Thingumbob—Well, we all want that. Yes, but he always manages to get it."—Philadelphia Press.

Helping It Along.

Lady Visitor—What a handsome man, and how kind and gentle he looks.

Prison Warden—Yes, ma'am. He is one of the loveliest murderers we have.—Chicago News.

Hassett—"The way people rave over slender girls makes me tired. I think the plumper a girl is the prettier she is." "Geese!"—I congratulate you, old man; so Miss Dimples has accepted you, eh?"—Philadelphia Press.

"Some men," said Uncle Eben, "takes a heap of credit for being patient, when they're only jes' dilatory."—Washington Star.

STRENGTH & HEALTH

If you happen to be one of those poor unfortunate—all run down, worn out, sick, nervous, and exhausted—who have doctor for everything except the right thing, ten to one

It's Your Stomach

To regain your Strength and Health, take

Dr. Caldwell's

(Laxative)

Syrup Pepsin

All we ask is that you send us your name and address on a postal and we'll send you a free sample bottle and an interesting book on stomach troubles. Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is the guaranteed cure for all stomach, liver and kidney ailments; 50c and \$1.00 bottles.

All Druggists.

PEPSIN SYRUP CO., Monticello, Wis.

FREE TO WOMEN

To prove the purity and cleansing power of Paxtine Toilet Antiseptic we will mail you a sample bottle with book of instructions absolutely free. This is not a tiny sample, but a large package, enough to convince anyone of its value. Women all over the country are praising Paxtine for what it does for the toilet.

Relief from all inflammation and discharges, wonderful as a cleansing vaginal, for sore throat, nasal catarrh, as a mouth wash, and to remove tartar and build the teeth. Send to-day; a postal card will do.

Sold by druggists or sent postpaid by us, 50c bottle, larger box, 1.00. Satisfaction guaranteed. THE E. F. FANTON CO., 201 Columbus Ave., Boston, Mass.

WESTERN CANADA

HAS FREE HOMES FOR MILLIONS.

Upwards of 100,000 Americans have settled in Western Canada during the past five years. They are contented, happy and prosperous, and there is room for millions. Wonderful yields of wheat and other grains. The best grazing lands on the continent. Magnificent climate and beautiful scenery, excellent churches, splendid railway facilities. All in the Free Homestead Lands of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. Send to the following for a full and complete information: Canada, or J. S. UAWORTH, Rt. W. Ninth Street, Kansas City, Mo. W. J. BERRY, 40 New York Life Bldg., Omaha, Neb.; Canadian Government Agents.

PATENTS GUARANTEED

Send to-day for INVENTORS' GUIDE containing valuable information. E. G. FISHER, JUNCTION BLDG., KANSAS CITY, MO.

LIVE STOCK AND ELECTROTYPES

Miscellaneous

In great variety for sale at the lowest prices in the city. See our list of prices. E. G. FISHER, 401 West 10th St., Kansas City.

DROPSY NEW DISCOVERY

gives quick relief and cures all cases of Dropsy, whether it be of the lungs, liver, or kidneys. Dr. H. H. Green's Dropsy Cure, 100 West 10th St., Kansas City.

PISO'S CURE FOR

Best Cough Syrup, Croup, Whooping Cough, etc. Sold by druggists. Price 25c per bottle.

Constipation Makes Bad Blood.

MULL'S GRAPE TONIC CURES CONSTIPATION

Constipation is the rotting and decaying of undigested food in the alimentary canal. Disease germs arise from this festering mass, which find their way into the blood. The blood becomes impure and shortly the entire system gives way to the unhealthy condition.

You cannot cure a case like this by taking pills or other common cathartics. A laxative will not do. A blood medicine is ineffective. Mull's Grape Tonic is a gentle and mild laxative in addition to being a blood-making and strength-giving tonic which immediately builds up the wasted body and makes rich, red blood that carries its health-giving strength to every tissue at every heart beat.

Mull's Grape Tonic is made of pure crushed fruit juices and is sold under a positive guarantee.

Doctors prescribe it. All druggists sell it at 50 cents a bottle. Send 10c in Lightning Medicine Co. Rock Island, Ill., to cover postage on large sample bottle.

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

CURES CONSTIPATION.

GET READY FOR BAD WEATHER.

Cold weather is sure to ripen a crop of Old Aches and P